

AUDIO TRANSCRIPTION OF RECORDING

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<p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>3</p> <p>4</p> <p>5 AUDIO RECORDING</p> <p>6 IN RE: STATE OF MISSOURI, ET AL.</p> <p>7 VS.</p> <p>8 JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR., ET AL.</p> <p>9</p> <p>10 FILE: FBI ON ELECTION -</p> <p>11 THERE'S GOING TO BE A LOT OF NOISE</p> <p>12 OCTOBER 28, 2020</p> <p>13</p> <p>14</p> <p>15 (Due to the quality of the recorded media, portions</p> <p>16 were unable to be transcribed and include inaudible</p> <p>17 portions. The transcript may also include</p> <p>18 misinterpreted words and/or unidentified speakers.</p> <p>19 The transcriber was not present at the time of the</p> <p>20 recording; therefore, this transcript should not be</p> <p>21 considered verbatim.)</p> <p>22</p> <p>23</p> <p>24 TRANSCRIBED BY: MELISSA LANE</p> <p>25</p>	<p>1 foreign influence things -- campaigns that we're</p> <p>2 seeing right now; right? From China, Russia, and</p> <p>3 Iran. So those are the three things we're still</p> <p>4 worried about. I think the difference between now and</p> <p>5 2016 and even 2018, all of the different components</p> <p>6 are plugged in so much closer; right? Like, we're</p> <p>7 sharing information with the private sector,</p> <p>8 specifically the social media companies. We're</p> <p>9 sharing information with all the state and county</p> <p>10 level election officials, and there's just really good</p> <p>11 information sharing within the U.S. government as</p> <p>12 well. So, I mean, you would think, oh, like, we</p> <p>13 should be sharing well, and I would say post 911, that</p> <p>14 was true on the counterterrorism side, and I can</p> <p>15 definitely say it's true on the election security side</p> <p>16 as well.</p> <p>17 TOM FIELD: Just in the past two weeks,</p> <p>18 Elvis, I feel like there's been such a flood of news</p> <p>19 to the point where I've been discussing with my team</p> <p>20 having an ongoing blog about election security in the</p> <p>21 news of the hours and never mind the day, so how</p> <p>22 should we interpret the news we've seen in recent</p> <p>23 says, as you say, about Russia, about Iran, about the</p> <p>24 TrickBot takedown so much?</p> <p>25 ELVIS CHANN: So there is a lot, and so I</p>
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<p>1 TOM FIELD: Hi there. I'm Tom Field,</p> <p>2 senior vice president of Editorial Information</p> <p>3 Security Media Group talking about what everybody's</p> <p>4 talking about this week, and that is election cyber</p> <p>5 security. My privilege to welcome back to the studio</p> <p>6 Elvis Chan, supervisory special agent with the FBI in</p> <p>7 San Francisco.</p> <p>8 Elvis, pleasure to speak with you again.</p> <p>9 ELVIS CHANN: Thank you very much for</p> <p>10 having me, Tom. I'm actually glad I was able to</p> <p>11 squeeze you in.</p> <p>12 TOM FIELD: And the week before the</p> <p>13 election of all things. I feel like I asked you this</p> <p>14 question so many times between 2016 and now, but</p> <p>15 today, within just over a week of the actual</p> <p>16 November 3rd, 2020 election, Mr. Chan -- Agent Chan --</p> <p>17 what is the state of election security as we enter the</p> <p>18 last days of this president stretch run?</p> <p>19 ELVIS CHANN: So I feel cautiously</p> <p>20 optimistic that we, at least the U.S. government, have</p> <p>21 been doing what we can be doing, right? And so like</p> <p>22 I -- I always say, there's three things that we worry</p> <p>23 about in terms of cyber security. Number one are hack</p> <p>24 and dump attacks. Number two are attacks against the</p> <p>25 election system itself, and then number three are the</p>	<p>1 do think that we are trying to be public, specifically</p> <p>2 the U.S. government; right? I know Microsoft did the</p> <p>3 TrickBot takedown. I thought it was, you know, very</p> <p>4 useful. Like, at the end of the day what you want to</p> <p>5 do is, slow down the impact of like ransom ware;</p> <p>6 right? I think that's why TrickBot was taken down.</p> <p>7 You know, Microsoft made the call. I'm glad they did.</p> <p>8 It was -- I hate to say it. It's a little easier for</p> <p>9 them to get a seizure warrant like that than we are,</p> <p>10 and to be on -- coordinate the moving pieces, so that</p> <p>11 was good.</p> <p>12 I hope you've also seen news where the</p> <p>13 social media companies have actually named us as, you</p> <p>14 know, sharing information with them, sharing threat</p> <p>15 information, so they can clean off their platforms of</p> <p>16 all these inauthentic accounts, you know, so I'm very</p> <p>17 proud that we've been able to share this type of</p> <p>18 threat information with them.</p> <p>19 We're also being very public, I think you</p> <p>20 saw the indictments that we've had recently; right, on</p> <p>21 the JRU, the Russian military intelligence; right?</p> <p>22 And so those are the same actors who hacked into the</p> <p>23 Democratic national committee four years ago, even</p> <p>24 though it feels like a decade ago now, so we are doing</p> <p>25 everything we can. There are the very public things</p>

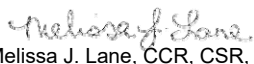
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<p>1 that we can do, then there are the behind scene things</p> <p>2 that we're continuing to do.</p> <p>3 TOM FIELD: As voters, as business people,</p> <p>4 what do you believe we can expect to see over the</p> <p>5 course of the next seven days between now and election</p> <p>6 day?</p> <p>7 ELVIS CHANN: I think you're already seeing</p> <p>8 what you're going to see. There's going to be a lot</p> <p>9 of noise. There's going to be a lot of stuff that</p> <p>10 isn't true. There's going to be a lot of worry. What</p> <p>11 I ask you, and then all of the voting public to do is</p> <p>12 get your ballot in as soon as possible. If you're in</p> <p>13 the state where you're allowed to drop off your</p> <p>14 ballot, if you're in a state where you're allowed to</p> <p>15 mail your ballot in early, you still got a week. Now</p> <p>16 is the time to do it.</p> <p>17 And what I want people to know is that like</p> <p>18 there are state and county and municipal election</p> <p>19 officials. They take this job very seriously so that</p> <p>20 you can trust when you're handing your ballot off to</p> <p>21 the post -- you know, postal worker or in the drop box</p> <p>22 and it will get to the right place. All of the</p> <p>23 safeguards are in place to make sure that your vote</p> <p>24 will count.</p> <p>25 TOM FIELD: Elvis, when you and I spoke a</p>	<p>1 and so that is where things are going to happen;</p> <p>2 right? So the newspapers, you know, you only hear</p> <p>3 them say the AP is calling it for this candidate or</p> <p>4 you know, Bloomberg News is calling it for that</p> <p>5 candidate.</p> <p>6 What I would say is, at the end of the day,</p> <p>7 it doesn't count until it is certified by the state</p> <p>8 and then, you know, at that point we'll know. We'll</p> <p>9 have electors go to the electoral college in December,</p> <p>10 so I -- I'm -- fingers crossed that Thanksgiving is --</p> <p>11 we will definitively know. That's what I hope.</p> <p>12 TOM FIELD: Elvis, fair to say that</p> <p>13 election security has been your biggest focus over the</p> <p>14 past two years?</p> <p>15 ELVIS CHANN: Yes. And I would argue it's</p> <p>16 been my biggest focus the last four years.</p> <p>17 TOM FIELD: What would you say we have</p> <p>18 learned about nation state activity that can inform</p> <p>19 our countries defense and strategies outside of</p> <p>20 elections and beyond November 3rd?</p> <p>21 ELVIS CHANN: That's a really good</p> <p>22 question, Tom. What I can say is, we've already</p> <p>23 mentioned the three countries; right, that we're most</p> <p>24 concerned about is China, Russia and Iran. Each of</p> <p>25 them is -- you know, has a different agenda with us,</p>
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<p>1 couple of months back, you set my expectations then</p> <p>2 that just because we're having election November 3rd</p> <p>3 doesn't mean we're going to have results on November</p> <p>4 3rd or 4th. So set our expectations. What should we</p> <p>5 expect to see postelection? Not just in results, but</p> <p>6 in cyber activity as well?</p> <p>7 ELVIS CHANN: Yeah. That's absolutely</p> <p>8 right. And I'm glad we're still talking about this.</p> <p>9 Again, so obviously everyone knows we're in COVID-19</p> <p>10 or you and I would be sitting, like, about five feet</p> <p>11 within each other; right, Tom? However, because</p> <p>12 COVID-19, we are going to have unprecedented amounts</p> <p>13 of -- of vote by mail; right? Absentee ballots, vote</p> <p>14 by mail ballots. So it's going to take a long time.</p> <p>15 I think it'll take a long time before all of the final</p> <p>16 results are certified by each state. You know, it can</p> <p>17 range from 20 to 30 days. Each state has to certify</p> <p>18 an election. So because of that, I do think there's</p> <p>19 going to be both misinformation and disinformation</p> <p>20 that's going to be out there; right? And my focus is</p> <p>21 on foreign misinformation. Foreign actors trying to</p> <p>22 throw doubt in our elections; right?</p> <p>23 So what I would ask people to do is the --</p> <p>24 the most accurate news you're going to get is going to</p> <p>25 be from your county or state level election website,</p>	<p>1 but at the end of the day I would say most countries</p> <p>2 and especially these countries are always concerned</p> <p>3 about us, right, because we're the oldest democracy.</p> <p>4 We, you know, have the First Amendment protected free</p> <p>5 speech. We have a lot of things going for us. We</p> <p>6 still have the largest economy in the world. And so</p> <p>7 people are going to be trying to tear us down; right?</p> <p>8 There are countries that -- they want to be on top.</p> <p>9 They -- they want to be the big dog on the globe, and</p> <p>10 so I think going forward we're going to have to</p> <p>11 understand that, you know, everyone is coming for us,</p> <p>12 and as long as we're mindful, and as long as we do</p> <p>13 what we need to do which is continue to vote, continue</p> <p>14 to, like, scrutinize media, like I've talked about</p> <p>15 media literacy with you in the past, but that's one</p> <p>16 thing I really want to focus on is folks should know</p> <p>17 where the sources of their information is coming from.</p> <p>18 Don't just trust stuff coming out of your social media</p> <p>19 feed or out of your social media groups. You should</p> <p>20 really go to accurate sources of news information and</p> <p>21 especially for the elections like your state and your</p> <p>22 counties are going to be the accurate places to get</p> <p>23 that time of information.</p> <p>24 TOM FIELD: Elvis, I always ask you this</p> <p>25 question, and it wouldn't be right if I didn't ask you</p>

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<p>1 now, what can enterprises and individuals do for their 2 part to support your efforts? 3 ELVIS CHANN: So I'm going to ask -- I'm 4 probably going to say the same thing that I said the 5 last time, but if you see something, say something; 6 right? So if you are seeing any types of cyber 7 attacks against your companies, let your local FBI 8 office know; right? We may be able to help. We may 9 be able to provide guidance. If you're also seeing 10 something related to the election on your social media 11 platform, all of them have portals where you can 12 report that sort of information. They're being very 13 aggressive in trying to take down any disinformation 14 or misinformation, and then, lastly, if they see 15 anything on election day or before election day, you 16 can always report it to FBI.gov or justice.gov, and 17 you know, there's a little button you can click to 18 submit a complaint. We take all of these very 19 seriously. 20 TOM FIELD: Elvis, I've enjoyed our 21 conversations over the past several years, and I do 22 hope that when this election is over, and the results 23 are known, that you have got yourself a major holiday 24 vacation ahead of you. 25 ELVIS CHANN: Thank you very much, Tom, and</p>	<p>1 CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER 2 3 I, Melissa J. Lane, Certified Court 4 Reporter of Missouri, Certified Shorthand Reporter of 5 Illinois and Registered Professional Reporter, do 6 hereby certify that I was asked to prepare a 7 transcript of proceedings had in the above-mentioned 8 case, which proceedings were held with no court 9 reporter present utilizing an open microphone system 10 of preserving the record. 11 I further certify that the foregoing pages 12 constitute a true and accurate reproduction of the 13 proceedings as transcribed by me to the best of my 14 ability and may include inaudible sections or 15 misidentified speakers of said open microphone 16 recording. 17  18 Melissa J. Lane, CCR, CSR, RPR 19 20 21 22 23 24 Date: 25</p>
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<p>1 I look forward to the next time we can see each other 2 in real life. 3 TOM FIELD: It'll be a while. The election 4 will be decided first. 5 ELVIS CHANN: Yes. 6 TOM FIELD: Elvis thank you so much. 7 ELVIS CHAN: Thank you very much, Tom. 8 TOM FIELD: Once again, the topic has been 9 election security. You just heard from Elvis Chan, 10 supervisory special agent with the FBI in San 11 Francisco. For Information Security Media Group, I'm 12 Tom Field. Thank you so much for watching us here 13 today. 14 (Audio ended.) 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25</p>	

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